Elementary Education in a Mission mode in partnership with States. This programme focuses, in particular, on the educational need of girls, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Minorities, Urban deprived children and other children in difficult circumstances.

Out of 600 districts in the country, District Elementary Education Plans (DEEPs) of 512 districts at an outlay of Rs. 1106.38 crore have been approved during 2001-2002 and DEEPs of 592 districts at an outlay of Rs. 3080 crore have been approved during 2002-2003 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Education for children of migrant labourer

3798. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any policy for the Education of children of migrant labourers who came to cities in search of job opportunities;

(b) whether Government are aware that in absence of ration card or birth certificate the Children of slum dwellers are being denied admission in Government schools; and

(c) whether Government are going to take some measures to check these anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Government of India in partnership with the State Governments has launched a nation-wide programme called Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to provide elementary education for all children in the 6–14 age group by 2010. The Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE) under the SSA provides flexible strategies for education of children who migrate as also for street children and children living on construction sites.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.